

## **Egyptian Religion**

- Worshipped hundreds of gods and goddesses
- Believed in life after death
- Many gods were represented by animals with human bodies and the heads of animals
- Amon-Re – god of the sun and ruler of other gods
- Osiris – god of the underworld
- Isis – goddess of women
- Anubis – god who guarded the dead / mummification
- Mostly prayed at home; special occasions at temple
- Temple was also school, library, administration, science center
- Pharaoh was high priest in every temple
- Egyptians spent time preparing for death and burial
- Bodies were mummified to preserve them for the afterlife
- Name painted on coffin because “to speak the name of the dead is to make him live again”